

REMARKS

In the Office action, the Examiner has determined that claims directed toward three separately patentable inventions are presented in the present application, and has required applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. The inventions identified by the Examiner are:

Group I Claims 1-10

Group II Claims 1 and 11-21

Group III Claims 1 and 22-27.

In response to the restriction/election requirement, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group II, claims 1 and 11-21.

Applicant has rewritten claim 11 in independent form, including the method steps of claim 1 therein. Thus, Applicant has cancelled claim 1. Applicant has further included the features of dependent claims 12 and 14 within independent claim 11 and has cancelled claims 12 and 14.

Applicant has further cancelled the non-elected claims, and has added new claims 28 - 45. Applicant requests consideration of new claim 28-45 in addition to the claims of elected Group II.

If clarification of the amendment or application is desired, or if issues are present which the Examiner believes may be quickly resolved, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. FRR-16734.

Respectfully submitted,

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